GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 888**

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**Exclusion of Punjab in Atal Bhujal Yojana**

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Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Punjab which is one of the States with the highest groundwater depletion has been excluded from Atal Bhujal Yojana;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government plans to include Punjab?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI  & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

(shri RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) to (c) Government of India has approved Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal), a Rs.6000 Crore Central Sector Scheme, for sustainable management of ground water resources with community participation in water stressed blocks of Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. The scheme is being implemented during the period 2020-21 to 2024-25 with the financial assistance of World Bank with a sharing pattern of 50:50 between Government of India and World Bank.

The names of the participating States were decided based on consultation, criticality of groundwater situation, willingness and degree of preparedness.

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